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11. (U) On June 27, 2008 Embassy transmitted reftel dipnote on the U.S. candidacies for the Universal Postal Union (UPU) to the Greek MFA. PolOff also delivered the note and accompanying points to Embassy Attache Giorgos Panagiotidis of the Dl Directorate for the International Organizations. Panagiotidis said he would provide the materials to the Hellenic Post. He commented that Greece will support the U.S. candidacies, "one way or angther." He noted that Greece also intends to put forth candidates for Postal Operations Council (POC) in the UPU and inquired as to whether or not the USG engages in any type of reciprocal support regarding candidacies. We responded that the U.S. does not tend to engage in reciprocal support for candidacies, but that we would be happy to receive any further information on a Greek candidate for the POC and that we would ensure that a Greek candidacy was carefully reviewed. SPECKHARD